

of the redistribution is back to some other types of districts. For instance, I have made a print-out and contacted all the state treasurers. I said "How much did each of your political subdivisions get back?" Some of the rebates to some of the schools exceeded over \$1,000 per child in some districts. I do have this available and will be using parts of it as we go along today. But let me reexplain what the amendment does so it is very clear. The amendment would mean several million dollars to Douglas County. Now you understand that we will resolve the problem, we will solve the problem of the rebate. We're going to take care of those people that have talked to you in terms of the personal property tax. We're going to redistribute the formula. Tremendous advantage to Douglas County, tremendous advantage to Lancaster County, tremendous advantage to Sarpy County, tremendous advantage in Don Dworak's area of Columbus. The chart that I sent around, showing what each county gets back per capita, will show you what the issue is. So do not be confused about this issue. This issue is for a fair distribution of that \$70 million. I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have not reviewed Senator Lewis' amendment, but I believe I know what it does. First of all the tax is not paid on a population basis. Therefore, I don't believe that is an equitable way to return that. Secondly, I continually hear the conversation about how much contribution the counties of Douglas and Lancaster and Sarpy will make, and how little they receive in return. But no one has ever been able to compile the amount of money that is spent in Lancaster County, and Douglas County, and possibly Sarpy County by outstate Nebraskans that contributed to those sales tax figures. I'm sure they are substantial. Secondly, no one in those counties ever stands up here and expresses any gratitude for the fact that those of us in outstate Nebraska purchase millions of dollars of products that are produced in those counties, that are handled in those counties, and that provide many many jobs in those counties. I believe that the situation as it exists today, on the repayment schedule, is a fair one. I know of Senator Lewis' concern. There are some legitimate concerns there. I know that we have attempted to try to resolve some of that problem. As I told him earlier I would take any reasonable amendment that could assist someone else in voting for the bill that cannot now possibly do so. I will not weaken the bill. I do not want to do it at this time. Therefore, I would oppose the Lewis amendment, and ask you to vote it down.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I see.... Show hands again. Do I see five seconds? I do not. Now I do. The question is shall debate cease. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 22 nays.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner. Senator Newell.